

# Counting Write-In Votes

*(Applies in Precincts with Write-In Candidates)*

Election Judges **must** inspect ballots after the polls close and write the number of valid Write-In Votes on the Certificate of Write-In Votes.

**CERTIFICATE OF WRITE-IN VOTES**  
(Replaces the form on page 124 of the Election Judge Manual)

**NOVEMBER 3, 2020  
 GENERAL ELECTION**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Record the total number of Write-In Votes for each office in the second column on this form. These totals are on the Voting Results Tape.
- Separate all voted ballots that have darkened ovals next to the Write-In lines.
- Inspect the ballots to determine whether the voter wrote the name of a valid candidate listed on this form for each office. These are the valid Write-In Votes.
- Record the number of valid Write-In Votes next to the candidate's name.
- This form must be signed by all Election Judges.

Joliet Pct. 001			
OFFICE	TOTAL VOTES FROM VOTING RESULTS REPORT	CANDIDATE	TOTAL # OF VALID VOTES
PRESIDENT	8	JOHN SMITH	2
PRESIDENT	8	KEVIN JONES	3

We do hereby certify that the information recorded is a complete and accurate record of valid Write-In Votes by the undersigned Election Judges on April 6, 2021.

(Election Judge)

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**PRESIDENT**

DAVID ANDERSON	150
ANGELA RANDALL	178
Write In	8
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>336</b>

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE RESULTS ARE A TRUE AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF ALL BALLOTS COUNTED AND THAT ALL COUNTERS WERE ZERO (0) WHEN THE POLLS OPENED AND THAT THE ELECTION WAS HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE.

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Every Election Judge **MUST** sign the Voting Results Tape AND Certificate of Write-In Votes

- Enter the total number of Write-In Votes from the Voting Results Tape next to each office with a Write-In Candidate.
  - For offices with more than one Write-In Candidate, enter the same total from the Voting Results Tape next to the office.
  - The total on the Voting Results Tape reflects only the total number of darkened ovals for a Write-In Candidate.
- Inspect the ballots for written names of valid Write-In Candidates who are listed on the Certificate of Write-In Votes.
- Count the number of valid Write-In Votes for each candidate and record it next to the appropriate candidate. This number will be recorded in the Election Results.
- If there is an overvote in that race, do not record any Write-In Votes.
- Every Election Judge **must** sign the Certificate of Write-In Votes.